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NORTH KOREAN BUDGET ANNOUNCED

An itemized summary of the North Korean national budget for the fiscal years 1948 and 1949 as reported by Ch'oe Ch'ang-ik, Minister of Finance, on 19 April 1949 at the third meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, follows:

<u>1948</u>	<u>Won</u>
Budget appropriation	13,880,552,000
Expenditure	13,654,035,000
Revenue	15,571,340,000
Balance	1,917,305,000

As compared with 1947 fiscal year, the revenue for 1948 increased 69 percent and the expenditure, 92 percent. The expenditure for 1948, was composed of the following items:

Totals do not always check, but figures are as given.

	In Won
1. <u>Budget for the People's Economic Plan</u>	5,363,654,000
Expenditure (increase 47% over 1947)	5,773,200,000
State enterprises	1,411,669,000
Agriculture, forestry	1,348,268,000
Regional enterprises supported by the government	378,089,000
Transportation	308,126,000
Communications	33,000,000
Construction works for provinces and cities	720,012,000
Banking investment and miscellaneous expenditures	1,571,150,000

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2. The total expenditure for social and cultural purposes during 1948, was 58 percent more than the 1947 expenditure. The expenditure for 1948 totalled 2,975,409,000 won, as itemized below:

Welfare service	1,477,019,000
Public health	534,272,000
Social insurance	649,033,000
Cultural service	315,805,000

3. Total government administrative expense for 1948 4,908,314,000

1949

The estimated expenditure for the fiscal year 1949 is 19,762,630,000 won, with approximately an equal amount of revenue balancing the budget. It is expected that the total revenue for 1949 will exceed that of 1948 by 26.9 percent. The sources of the revenue will be:

	<u>Won</u>
Taxes	4,241,012,000
Income realized by the people's economic plan	10,495,589,000
Custom duties, stamps	609,653,000
Social insurance premium	602,000,000
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Public lease of government-owned properties	80,841,000
Miscellaneous	716,231,000

The expenditure for 1949, which is an increase of 44.7 percent over 1948 expenditure, will consist of the following:

	<u>Won</u>
Expenditure for the people's economic plan	8,092,930,000
Cultural services	3,804,097,000
Administrative expense	6,721,968,000
Reserve fund	1,143,635,000

The expenditure for the people's economic plan is itemized as follows:

	<u>Won</u>
1. Industrial reconstruction fund	3,995,000,000
Metal industry	392,200,000
Electric industry	397,814,000
Machine industry	842,000,000
Chemical industry	327,673,000
Construction industry	84,200,000
Light manufacturing industry	305,575,000
Fuel supply industry	273,197,000
2. Agriculture, forestry, and marine industries (increase of 51.6% over 1948)	2,044,995,000
Agriculture and forestry administrative fund	647,181,000
Sericulture	16,998,000
Afforestation	123,648,000
Lumber supply service	323,082,000
Marine industry	191,818,000
Government-managed livestock industry	92,213,000

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Government-managed special production	9,064,000
Special fund for development of local agriculture and forestry	519,941,000
Others	110,505,000

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3. Expenditure for government-managed enterprises	565,562,000
Business enterprises	85,590,000
Manufacturing enterprises	230,282,000
Salt production	146,923,000
Ginseng production	55,767,000
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4. Transportation	880,480,000
5. Communications	134,340,000
6. Construction works	301,500,000
7. City and province maintenance	649,433,000
8. Special fund for promotion of independent enterprises	500,000,000

Expenditures for cultural services are as follows:

Cultural services	3,804,097,000
Social welfare (increase of 41.4 percent over 1948)	2,089,142,000
Public health (increase of 37.6% over 1948)	735,232,000
Social insurance	458,470,000
Social leaders training fund	219,079,000
Cultural service	234,168,000

As for the provincial budgets for 1949, the estimated total amounts to 4,050,147,000 won, distributed among the provinces and Pyongyang as follows.

Pyongyang City	333,842,000
Pyongan Namdo	591,948,000
Pyongan Pukto	588,066,000
Chagang-do	189,252,000
Hwanghae-do	671,156,000
Kangwon-do	504,150,000
Hamgyong Namdo	667,925,000
Hamgyong Pukto	603,308,000

The aggregate revenue for the city and provinces is expected to equal 37.5 percent of the total expenditure.

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